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45 Infantry Division at Leskovac

1. The headquarters of the 45 Infantry Division which comprises three infantry regiments and one artillery regiment, is at Leskovac. One of these regiments is stationed at Leskovac together with the regimental command. The second or 163 Regiment is at Pirov, and the third infantry regiment is part at Vlasotinci, and part at Grdelica. The artillery regiment is at Vlasotinci.
2. The 163 Infantry Regiment comprises three infantry and one artillery battalion. The latter is composed of two batteries of 7.62 and 4.5 guns largely of the Soviet model. Maneuvers are usually carried out toward Caribrod. The regimental command comprises the following units:
 - a. Mortar company with Soviet 82 mm. caliber mortars;
 - b. Rifle platoon with Soviet 14.5 rifles;
 - c. Communications platoon;
 - d. Machine gun company, with German model machine guns;
 - e. Transportation company with two automobiles and five Praha trucks; and
 - f. Chemical warfare platoon.

51 Infantry Division at Osijek

3. The headquarters of the 51 Infantry Division is at Osijek. The 49 Rifle Regiment stationed at Vinkovci is under the jurisdiction of this division. The 49 Rifle Regiment is commanded by a certain Lt. Col. Mihalic. The political commissar is a certain Captain Curic. The regiment comprises three or four battalions and one artillery unit or battalion which is composed of three batteries. A single battery of the artillery unit or battalion is equipped with Soviet 7.62 mm. guns, anti-tank cannons of 4.5 mm. caliber, and 120 and 82 mm. caliber mortars. The following units are attached to the command of the 49 Rifle Regiment:

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- a. Mortar platoon;
- b. Machine gun platoon equipped with Soviet machine guns of the Degryatev model;
- c. Platoon of hand-carrying mortars;
- d. Chemical warfare unit; and
- e. Rear echelon command.

54 Rifle Division at Pozarevac

- 4. The 54 Rifle Division which has headquarters in Pozarevac comprises three rifle regiments. The regiments are stationed at Pozarevac, Petrovac na Mlavi, and at Zagubica. An artillery regiment, which has not as yet been brought to its full strength, is likewise attached to the division. The 54 Division is attached to the Corps at Kragujevac.
- 5. The rifle regiment which is stationed at Pozarevac has approximately 900 men. The regiment comprises three battalions. The following units are attached to the regimental command:
 - a. Artillery battalion comprising Soviet and Yugoslav armaments;
 - b. Communications company;
 - c. Dispensary; and
 - d. Automobile company.
- 6. Every company comprises a machine gun platoon equipped with German armament, a mortar platoon of 82 mm. mortars, and a platoon of hand-carrying mortars. The automobile company is in charge of the transportation of arms from Kragujevac to Pozarevac, Stara Gradiska, Zagubica, and Velika Orasja. It has 12 trucks and a number of jeeps and passenger vehicles. The company is commanded by Capt. Ostojic.

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